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Honorable Jack Quinn House of Representatives 331 Cannon Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Quinn:

	This is in reply to your letter of March 1, 1993, in which you inquired on
	behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule
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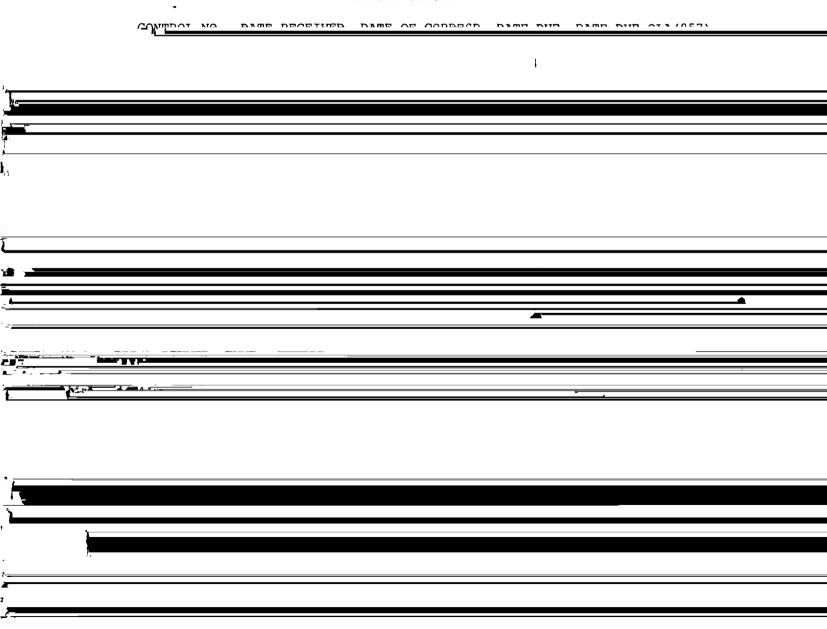
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March 1, 1993

Honorable James H. Quello Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing on behalf of my constituents regarding proposed rule PR Docket 92-235, and how it impacts recreational use by radio-controlled model airplane users.

I am enclosing several original letters with comments which I would like included in the public record, and reviewed prior to publication of a final rule. I believe you will find almost all of the comments are strongly opposed to the proposed rule.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jack Quinn

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Member of Congress

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Enclosures

February 6, 1993

The Honorable Jack Quinn U.S. House of Representatives Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Quinn:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

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I do nt think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Leonard L. Lampka, Jr.

AMA # 257018

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This action will have a severe, detrimental impact upon me and the entire R/C hobby industry. If put into effect, my airplane or helicopter could easily be shot out of the sky by a mobile user I'd have no way of knowing about. This creates a severe health hazard.

I have been involved in this hobby for 23 years. I own 10 radios and 13 model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

I urge you to reconsider this. Keep 10 kHz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't eliminate this hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much investment of money and enjoyment of people nationwide.

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Address: 178 WELLINGTON AVE BUFFALO N. 4 14223

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February 3, 1993

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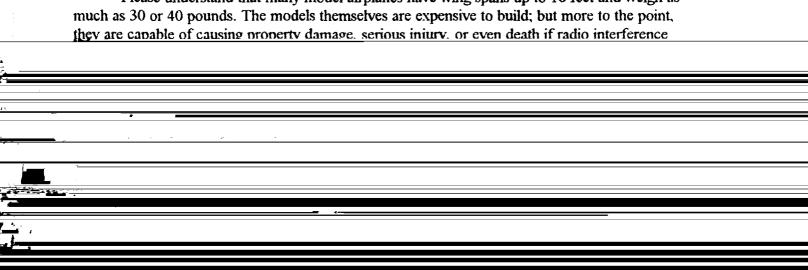
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Leslie C. Hanks

February 10, 1993 re: PR Docket 92-235

THE HONORABLE JACK QUINN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR MR. QUINN:

I am a retired Postal employee and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled models. I also am also a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, R/C Aircrafters club and an active competitor-in local and national events.

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RAYMOND F. ROLL, JR.

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42 Delaware Avenue, Suite 300 Buffalo, New York 14202-3901 (716) 849-1333

February 3, 1993

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION 1919 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

RE: PROPOSED RULE - PR DOCKET 92-235

Gentlemen:

I am extremely concerned about this proposed FCC rule. It would do great damage to the sport and hobby of model aviation. I am writing to express my great concern about the possible adoption of the rule under consideration by the FCC with the above docket number.

Model aviation has been part of the American scene since the early part of this century, having started prior to the successful flight of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk. Today model builders and flyers in every state of the union pursue a hobby which has contributed greatly to the science of aeronautics and many related fields. Several of our astronauts were attracted to aviation through their model building experience. Countless scientists and engineers have entered the field by reason of their interest in this complex hobby/sport of model aviation.

Today large numbers of model builders construct and operate model aircraft throughout our country utilizing radio signals transmitted from hand-held transmitters to receivers in model aircraft. Competition among radio controlled (R/C) flyers is conducted throughout the U.S. and U.S. flyers compete in international competitions throughout the world.

Competition is regulated by the Academy of Model Aeronautics based in Washington, DC, which is a unit of the FAI, the organization which regulates full scale and model aviation competition throughout the world.

The proposed rule making would represent a breach of faith with model builders who only recently were given the use of radio frequencies which would now be threatened by allowing insertion of

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The proposed new frequencies would be extremely close to those now utilized by model aviation and proposed technical specifications allow legal frequency tolerance which could place their signal directly in those of radio controlled aircraft. This type of interference is extremely dangerous since it could cause loss of control of aircraft resulting in potential hazard to life and property.

A further threat is presented by the fact that the new inserted frequencies would be <u>mobile</u> in nature, thereby presenting a threat of interference at any time and any place.

Model aviation is an important and productive activity engaged in by millions of dedicated model aviation enthusiasts. It has been a part of the fabric of American life for almost a century and deserves to be protected from the threat which the proposed rule represents.

Very truly yours,

Raymond F. Roll, Jr.

RFR: fmb

cc: Academy of Model Aeronautics

Hon. Alfonse D'Amato Hon. Patrick Moynihan Rep. William Paxon



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February 3, 1993

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